

Proceedings  
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of Lancaster county, shall be deemed and taken to be in all respects legal and valid, and are hereby fully confirmed; and the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, sold to the said Adam Zell, under and by virtue of the said proceedings, are hereby declared and shall be deemed and taken to be vested and confirmed in the said Adam Zell, or any person or persons to whom the same may have been subsequently sold or transferred, and his or their heirs and assigns, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if the said proceedings had been in every respect correct and legal. *Provided, however,* That an exemplification of the said proceedings shall be delivered to the clerk of the orphans' court of Chester county, to be entered of record, according to the aforesaid act of the first of April, eighteen hundred and five. *And provided also,* That nothing herein contained shall impair the rights of any other person.

Proviso.

JOHN GILMORE, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives,*

PHILIP S. MARKLEY,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—April the second, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

JOSEPH HIESTER.

## CHAPTER CXX.

### *AN ACT*

To incorporate the Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS a number of persons resident in the city of Philadelphia and the adjoining districts, believing that many benefits would arise from the establishment of a library of suitable books for the use of apprentices, that it would promote orderly and virtuous habits, diffuse knowledge and the desire for knowledge, improve the scientific skill of our mechanics and manufacturers, increase the benefits of the system of general education which is now adopted, and advance the prosperity and happiness of the community, have associated under the title of "The Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia," for the purpose of establishing a library for the use of the apprentices in the said city and adjoining districts, and for the better accomplishment of this object, have

petitioned the legislature to be made a body politic and corporate :

Therefore,

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all such persons as now are, or hereby may become in the manner hereinafter prescribed, members of the said apprentices' library company, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall be able to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, rights and credits, of what nature or estate soever, and the same or any part or parts thereof to sell, alien or dispose of, and therefor when so sold, aliened or disposed of, to execute according to law good and sufficient instruments of conveyance or assurance, and generally to make all and any contracts requisite to the good management of the said library, with power also to make such by-laws and regulations as to them may seem necessary for the like good management of the said library, and the government of the said company, and to make and have a common seal and the same to renew at pleasure: *Provided,* That the estate had and enjoyed by the said company, do, and shall not yield a clear annual income or profit of more than three thousand dollars: *And also provided,* That the by-laws and regulations which may be made by the said company, be not inconsistent with the constitutions or laws of the United States or of this commonwealth.

Company incorporated.

Name and title.

Powers and privileges.

Proviso.

2d Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the officers of the said company hereby incorporated, shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary and a board of twenty-four managers, and the said president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary shall be ex-officio members of the said board of managers, and of thirteen members of the whole number of said board shall be a quorum thereof, and all the said officers shall be elected annually: *Provided,* That the present officers of the said company, *viz.* Horace Binney, president, Roberts Vaux, vice-president, James Cresson, treasurer, Daniel B. Smith, secretary, and Clement C. Biddle, Frederick V. Krug, Thomas F. Leaming, William S. Warder, Philip Garret, Robert J. Evans, Samuel L. Shober, Samuel B. Morris, Benjamin H. Yarnell, Philip F. Mayer, Robert M. Lewis, Anthony Kinley, Richard C. Wood, Abraham Miller, Benjamin Tucker, Thomas Kimber, Henry Troth, Merrit Canby, Jacob Gratz, Lloyd Mifflin, Samuel Sellers, Richard Oakford, Samuel Canby and William Price, the board of managers, be and continue such

What officers the company shall consist of.

To be elected annually.

The present officers of the company hereby incorporated, until the stated meeting of said company, as in the third section of this act continue in office until the stated meeting, &c. mentioned.

**SECT. 3.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said company hereby incorporated shall, in each and every year, hold at least one meeting, to be called a stated meeting, and to be held at such time and place as shall be designated in the by-laws aforesaid, and at which the officers aforesaid shall be elected, and that other meetings of the said company shall be called by the president aforesaid whenever requested by any five members; and that four days notice shall be given, in at least two of the daily papers of the said city, of the time and place of the holding of any and every meeting of the said company, and that fifteen members shall be necessary to form a quorum thereof, and in case of

Of stated meetings at which the officers shall be elected.

an omission to hold any stated meeting as aforesaid, the officers for the time being shall continue in their respective offices until an election be had, and it shall be the duty of the president to convene a meeting of said company, so soon after said omission occurs, as may be practicable, at which an election for the officers aforesaid shall be made.

Of a quorum.

**SECT. 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the president of the company, hereby incorporated, to preside in all the meetings thereof and to subscribe all its acts and proceedings; in all questions (except when a ballot is taken) where an equal division of votes occurs to decide by a casting vote; to call meetings as herein before prescribed, and to cause the due notices thereof to be given; and in case of the absence of the president from any meeting, it shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside therein; and in case the president vacate his office, or be absent or unable to serve for any time, the vice-president shall perform the duties thereof; and in case the president and vice president be both absent from any meeting, a president *pro tempore* shall be appointed to preside therein.

Duties of the president of the company.

In the absence of the president the vice-president to serve.

**SECT. 5.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the company hereby incorporated, to collect, receive and keep in trust, all the monies owing, paid or belonging thereto, and to pay all the orders thereof or of the said board of managers; he shall annually, or oftener if required, lay before the said company, and before the said board of managers, a correct statement of the funds of the said company; and before entering upon the execution of his office shall enter into a bond to the said company, in such sum and with such security or securities as shall be approved of by the said board, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his said office.

Duties of the treasurer.

**SECT. 6.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the company hereby incorporated, to keep fair and correct minutes

and records of the proceedings and acts thereof, to preserve all the papers and documents thereto belonging which may be committed to his charge, and to give the aforesaid public notices of the meetings of the said company. Duty of the secretary,

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid.* That it shall be the duty of the said board of managers to purchase and receive such books as they may think proper for the said library, to appoint a librarian, to provide all things necessary to carry into effect the object of the company hereby incorporated, and of this act, and to pay all the expenditures incurred in and about the premises: *Provided,* That no book of an immoral or otherwise injurious tendency be purchased or received by the said board, or be in any manner admitted into the said library. And it shall be the duty of the said board to meet at least once in every month to supply any vacancy therein, to enact rules and regulations for the government thereof and of the said library, to keep regular minutes of their proceedings and the same to exhibit when required to the said company, to make an annual report to the said company of the state of the said library and of the use made thereof and generally to superintend its concerns: *Provided,* That the said rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the constitutions or laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, or with any part of this act. Of the managers. Proviso. 2d Proviso.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the books composing the said library shall be loaned to such apprentices, and at the discretion of the managers to such other young persons as shall furnish satisfactory security for the safe and punctual return of the same, and for the payment of such fines as may be incurred for default and for whatever loss or injury may be sustained in the books so loaned. How books shall be loaned.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, new members shall be elected or admitted into the said company by the said board of managers, in such manner as may be provided for in the by laws of the said company hereby incorporated. Every member of said company shall pay an annual contribution of two dollars, except such as shall at any one time pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, who shall by reason of said sum paid be considered members for life, and be exempt from the said annual contribution. And if any member, liable to pay the said annual contribution, fail to pay the same for two years, he shall, upon its appearing that the same was demanded of him, forfeit his right of membership. Election and admission of members. Of contributions.

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